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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CB, VS

SUBJECT: RVNAF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CEASEFIRE II

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL CAN THO JUNE 15 TH,  
1973 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 456

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REFERENCE: CAN THO 0421

1. MGEN NGHI INFORMED ME JUNE 14 HE HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS  
THE SAME DAY TO HIS DIVISION AND SECTOR COMMANDERS TO REPEL  
ALL VC/ NVA ASSAULTS, WHATEVER THE COST. IF RVNAF WERE  
ENGAGED WITH THE VC/ NVA AS OF 1200 JUNE 15, RVNAF SHOULD  
CONTINUE FIGHTING. FURTHERMORE IF VC/ NVA FORCES HOLD  
PREVIOUSLY CONTROLLED GVN TERRITORY, RVNAF SHOULD CLEAR THE  
AREA BEFORE CEASING FIRE. OTHERWISE RVNAF WILL STOP ALL  
FIGHTING AT 1200.

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2. CONCERNING BATTLEFIELD CONVERSATIONS, NGHI REMINDED ME ONLY HE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH VC/ NVA COMMANDERS. HE HAD DELEGATED LIMITED AUTHORITY TO HIS DIVISION COMMANDERS. NO SUBORDINATE COMMANDER WOULD BE PERMITTED TO DEAL WITH THE VC/ NVA OR ARRANGE LOCAL CEASEFIRES.

3. WHILE NGHI HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CEASEFIRE II AGREEMENT, HE ADDED HE HAD NO CONFIDENCE IN ITS SUCCESS. " YOU CAN NEVER TRUST THE COMMUNISTS." HE BELIEVES THE VC/ NVA WILL USE THIS OCCASION AS THEY USED CEASEFIRE I TO INFILTRATE NEW MEN AND MATERIAL IN PREPARATION FOR FURTHER OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

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